

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Amend the paragraph [00055] on page 13 as follows:

The fracture fixation system 1 comprises a wire element 10 serving as a buttress pin which engages and positions the unstable bone fragment 4 to reduce the fracture. As seen in the drawings and especially in Figs. 11 and 12 the wire element has a round cross-section. The buttress pin 10 is secured in position by a bone screw 11 that is screwed into the stable bone fragment 5. The bone screw 11 engages the buttress pin 10 through the intermediary of a washer 12.